

10EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Benoit Castel on February 19th, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Claim 1 line 1 has been amended as follows, "immobilising" has been changed to immobilizing.
3. Claim 1 line 2 has been amended as follows, ...(1, 34) has been removed.
4. Claim 1 line 2 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
5. Claim 1 line 3 has been amended as follows, ...(3, 3a, 3b) has been removed.
6. Claim 1 lines 3 and 4 have been amended as follows, ...characterized in that it comprises has been replaced with comprising.
7. Claim 1 line 4 has been amended as follows, ...(13) has been removed.
8. Claim 1 line 5 has been amended as follows, ...(1, 34, 7) has been removed.
9. Claim 1 line 6 has been amended as follows, ...(19) has been removed.
10. Claim 1 line 6 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
11. Claim 1 line 7 has been amended as follows, ...(zz') has been removed.
12. Claim 1 line 8 has been amended as follows, ...(yy') has been removed.
13. Claim 1 line 8 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.

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14. Claim 1 line 9 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
15. Claim 1 line 9 has been amended as follows, ...(3, 3a, 3b) has been removed.
16. Claim 1 line 10 has been amended as follows, ...(19) has been removed.
17. Claim 1 line 10 has been amended as follows, ...(13) has been removed.
18. Claim 1 line 12 has been amended as follows, ...(6) has been removed.
19. Claim 1 line 13 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
20. Claim 1 line 13 has been amended as follows, ...(30) has been removed.
21. Claim 1 line 13 has been amended as follows, ...receiving pieces has been changed to ...receiving intermediate pieces.
22. Claim 1 lines 13 and 14 have been amended as follows, ...mobile, on the one hand, has been replaced with displacably and rotationally.
23. Claim 1 lines 14 and 15 have been amended as follows, ...and, on the other hand, in rotation has been removed.
24. Claim 1 line 15 has been amended as follows, ...(36) has been removed.
25. Claim 1 line 15 has been amended as follows, "immobilisation" has been changed to immobilization.
26. Claim 1 line 16 has been amended as follows, ...(30) has been removed.
27. Claim 1 line 17 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
28. Claim 1 line 17 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
29. Claim 1 line 19 has been amended as follows, ...(32) has been removed.
30. Claim 1 line 20 has been amended as follows, ...(21) has been removed.
31. Claim 1 line 22 has been amended as follows, ...(34) has been removed.

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- 32. Claim 1 line 22 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.
- 33. Claim 1 line 23 has been amended as follows, ...(36) has been removed.
- 34. Claim 1 line 25 has been amended as follows, ...(38) has been removed.
- 35. Claim 1 line 26 has been amended as follows, ...(40a, 40b, 42) has been removed.
- 36. Claim 1 line 27 has been amended as follows, ...(34) has been removed.
- 37. Claim 1 line 28 has been amended as follows, ...(1a) has been removed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Woodall whose telephone number is (571)272-5204. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00 to 5:30 EST..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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